

Items of Interest.

—Turkey contains 223 foreign missionaries and 1,064 native pastors.

—The average cost of each of the eleven Atlantic cables is \$1,250,000.

—The Japanese in Hawaii sent \$10,000 to Japan to aid the Red Cross Society in the late war.

—The bill for admitting Arizona to Statehood was favorably reported in the Senate, March 26.

—The Senate Resolutions in regard to Cuba were passed in the House on April 6, by a vote of 244 to 27.

—Prince Bismarck celebrated his eighty-first birthday anniversary on April 1. He is enjoying excellent health.

—At Bristol, England, there is a large chestnut tree measuring fifty feet in circumference, which is said to be 1000 years old.

—A plot of ground in Beaver county, Pa., and \$10,000 were presented to the Masonic University Fund by Senator and Mrs. Quay.

—On April 2, Howard University (colored,) of Washington, D. C., was voted an appropriation of \$32,000 by the House of Representatives.

—Ex-President Harrison and Mrs. Mary Scott Lord Dimmick, neice of the late Mrs. Harrison, were married in New York on Easter Monday, April 6.

—It has been reported that Secretary Carlisle would receive the Democratic nomination for the Presidency. He has, however, publicly stated that he is not a candidate.

—Virginia, an officer in the service of the United States, owns 204,009 acres of natural oyster beds of immense value, according to a survey made by Captain J. B. Baylor.

—Professor William Konrad Roentgen, of X-Ray fame, was born in 1845, and graduated from the University of Zurich in 1869. In 1870 he was made assistant to Professor Kundt.

—The Bureau of Statistics at Washington City have published a summary covering the period from 1867 to 1895. The burden of public debt is \$12 per capita, in 1867 it was more than \$60. The pension disbursements have increased from 51 cents to \$2 per capita. More raw cotton was used last year than in any other except 1892. It is a thing to thank God for that the amount of distilled liquors fell off from 2.07 gallons per capita to 1.12. But that is still a terrible showing.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

STATEMENT.

DURING THE LAST TERM'S WORK in the Theological Department of our college, PROF. J. ALLEN MILLER delivered a number of Lectures to a class of students, among them the three following. The class has repeatedly requested a publication of these lectures in book form. Competent critics have pronounced the subject matter valuable, and have expressed a desire to have the same put in permanent form. Our church needs good literature and here is an opportunity of making a valuable addition to the same.

SUBJECT MATTER OF LECTURES.

First Lecture:—THE TIME OF THE CHRIST.

This lecture covers in outline a vast field of knowledge, so essential to a correct understanding of the time in which Christ lived. It treats on the value of historical knowledge; The geography and topography of Palestine; The Jews, origin and history; The ethnology of Palestine; Public and private life; The world's religions, educational, political, social, moral and philosophical state in the time of Christ.

Second Lecture:—THE AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE.

The testimony upon which the authority of the Bible rests is briefly set forth. It treats on the idea of God; The possibility, probability, and reasonableness of Revelation; The necessity, logic, and philosophy of Revelation; Definition of Revelation; Communication of Revelation; Formation of the Canon of Scriptures; The superiority of the Christian System; The Inspiration of the Bible shown from Prophecy, the claims of Christ and the Apostles; also from its moral sublimity, its exalted precepts and promises, its harmony and unity of purpose, its self-evident truths, its holy influence on the lives of men, and the witness of the Spirit in the hearts of Believers.

Third Lecture:—HOW TO INTERPRET THE BIBLE.

This lecture sets forth the true spirit of Bible study; States three principles of fundamental import underlying all possibility of correct interpretation; and concludes by stating the primary laws of interpretation, explaining and illustrating each.

PLAN. . .

The subject matter will be arranged in chapters and sections under appropriate heads. A carefully prepared index will be added. This will make a book of a hundred or more pages. It will be artistically printed on a fine quality of book paper, neatly bound in flexible covers, or if preferred, in cloth.

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